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DATE: April 14, 2009

TO: All Local Health Departments
Attn: Chief Food Specialist

FROM: A. Scott Gilliam, MBA, CP-FS
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SUBJECT: Lake Champlain Chocolates -Pistachio Recall

SUGGESTED

ACTION: Pistachio Recall; Due to Salmonella; Recommend notification of affected stores via phone, fax or e-mail.

From the information provided by FDA, the recalled products were distributed in Indiana. These products were distributed through retail stores. Detail information is not available at this time. In addition, if any recalled product is found, please notify this office at 317-233-7360.

Lake Champlain Chocolates Recalls Products Containing Pistachios

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE -- Burlington, VT, April 8, 2009: Lake Champlain Chocolates (LCC) is issuing a voluntary product recall for their products containing pistachios, manufactured after September 22, 2008 because of potential contamination with Salmonella..

Salmonella is an organism which can cause serious and sometimes fatal infections in young children, frail or elderly people, and others with weakened immune systems. Healthy persons infected with Salmonella often experience fever, diarrhea (which may be bloody), nausea, vomiting and abdominal pain. In rare circumstances, infection with Salmonella can result in the organism getting into the bloodstream and producing more severe illnesses such as arterial infections (i.e., infected aneurysms), endocarditis and arthritis.

The Company is voluntarily taking this precautionary measure after their supplier, Setton Pistachio of Terra Bella, Inc, reported that a small amount of roasted shelled pistachios recently tested positive for Salmonella. This voluntary recall is not in any way related to the recent recalls associated with peanuts or peanut butter.

Products affected by the recall include:

| Product Name | SKU | UPC Code | Net Wt. | Lot Code(s) |
|--|----------------|-------------|---------|--|
| Triple Nut Chocolate Bar (included in mail order Signature Gift Basket) | 1Y304-018007-1 | 76993300553 | 3 oz. | 08275 08294/08295 08354 09026/09027 09063 (lot code located in the colored purple box under the UPC) |
| Triple Nut Chocolate Square | 1Y319-100006-1 | 76993302314 | .4 oz. | 08302 08310 08337 09063 09083 (lot code located on back label of dispenser in lower left corner) |
| Chocolate Journeys (included in mail order Basket of Cheer) | 1Y319-010001-1 | 76993302310 | 4 oz. | 08288 08287 08301 08309 08326 09009 09029 09035 (lot code located in the red brown square under UPC) |
| Trail Mix | 1Y350-003001-1 | 76993303506 | 6.5 oz. | 08324 (lot code located on the back label on the bottom right hand corner) |
| Assorted Chocolate Squares (180 pcs) | 1Y319-000001-1 | 76993302329 | 4.5 lbs | 08273 08280 08295 08285 08302 08309 08326 |
| Agata and Valentina Triple Nut Bar | 1P304-016007-1 | 76993310529 | 3 oz. | 08294 08295 |
| Gourmet Garage Triple Nut Bar | 1P304-012001-1 | 79084505322 | 3 oz. | 08275 08294/08295 08354 09063/09064 |
| Fairway Triple Nut Bar | 1P304-016004-1 | 76993310592 | 3 oz. | 08275 08294/08295 08354 09026 09063 |

These lots of product were distributed through retail stores in the following states:

AK, AL, AR, CA, CO, CT, DC, FL, GA, HI, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MA, MD, ME, MI, MN, MO, MT, NC, NE, NH, NJ, NM, NY, OH, OK, OR, PA, RI, SC, TN, TX, UT, VA, VT, WA, WI, WY

Consumers are urged to return the product to the place of purchase for a full refund or replacement. For more information, please call Lake Champlain Chocolates at 1-800-634-8105.

No illnesses have been reported in conjunction with this recall. Lake Champlain Chocolates has informed the FDA of its actions and is fully cooperating with the Agency.

Lake Champlain Chocolates is committed to quality products and consumer safety, and is taking aggressive action to prevent the need for any future recalls of its products. It emphasizes that no other LCC products or batch codes were affected.

Lake Champlain Chocolates apologizes for any inconvenience to its consumers and customers.

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